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SUBJECT: NICOLAE-ARMITAGE MEETING MARCH 22

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1. SUMMARY. NICOLAE MET WITH ARMITAGE MARCH 22 TO DISCUSS EFFECT OF US TRADE RESTRICTIONS ON ROMANIA AND TO URGE A FORTHCOMING US ATTITUDE ON THESE ISSUES IN LIGHT OF THE EARTHQUAKE. OTHER SUBJECTS RAISED WERE US RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE, NICOLAE'S RETURN TO BUCHAREST FOR CC PLENUM, SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW, THE BELGRADE CSCE MEETING AND MARRIAGE CASES.

2. AMBASSADOR NICOLAE CALLED ON DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARMITAGE TO FOLLOW UP ON ECONOMIC ISSUES WHICH THEY HAD DISCUSSED ON MARCH 1 (REFTEL A) AND TO PURSUE POINTS SET OUT IN NICOLAE'S MARCH 16 LETTERS TO ARMITAGE  
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(REFTEL B). ON TEXTILES, NICOLAE EXPLAINED THAT THERE WAS A SHORT-TERM, PRACTICAL PROBLEM--THE URGENT NEED FOR FOREIGN EXCHANGE, WHICH COULD BE MET IN PART BY US IMPORT OF THE 65,000 SUITS WHICH WERE MANUFACTURED ON THE BASIS OF CONTRACTS SIGNED IN THE US PRIOR TO THE

UNILATERAL RESTRAINTS--AND A MORE GENERAL PROBLEM OF

ACCESS TO THE AMERICAN MARKET FOR ROMANIAN TEXTILES. REFERRING TO HARTMAN'S MEETING WITH IONITA ON MARCH 18, NICOLAE COMMENTED THAT WHILE IT MAY HAVE BEEN A TACTICAL MISTAKE TO COMBINE THE TEXTILE QUESTION WITH DISCUSSION OF THE EARTHQUAKE, THE ROMANIANS FIND IT HARD TO SEPARATE THEM. ARMITAGE REITERATED THAT TEXTILES PRESENTED SPECIAL PROBLEMS FOR US AND THAT THERE WAS VERY LITTLE CHANCE THAT WE COULD ACCOMMODATE THE REQUEST ON THE 65,000 SUITS. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADDED, WE HAD CONVEYED TO OUR TEXTILE DELEGATION THE ROMANIAN VIEWS AND HAD ASKED THAT THEY SHOW FLEXIBILITY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. NICOLAE ALSO REFERRED WITHOUT GREAT PRECISION TO ROMANIAN INTEREST IN IMPROVED ACCESS ON COTTON, MENTIONING (AS IN THE LETTER) A QUOTA OF 30,000 SQUARE YARDS (SIC). NICOLAE WAS REMINDED THAT THERE IS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON COTTON TEXTILES, AND THAT THE US DELEGATION WOULD BE DISCUSSING THE FUTURE OF THIS AGREEMENT ALONG WITH ARRANGEMENTS REGARDING WOOL AND MAN-MADE FIBER TEXTILES DURING THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS.

4. IN RESPONSE TO NICOLAE'S CURSORY REFERENCE TO THE PROPOSED RESTRAINTS ON SHOES, ARMITAGE NOTED THAT WE HAD TAKEN HIS POINT THAT 1974 WAS AN "UNFAIR" BASE YEAR AND PASSED IT TO THE APPROPRIATE US AGENCIES. ARMITAGE DID NOT RULE OUT A SOLUTION WHICH PROVIDED GREATER FLEXIBILITY FOR COUNTRIES LIKE ROMANIA (WHICH ARE NOT MAJOR SUPPLIERS).

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5. NICOLAE DID NOT BRING UP POTENTIAL RESTRAINTS ON TELEVISIONS OR THE ITC FINDINGS ON SHEET GLASS. HE DID MAKE A GENERAL COMMENT THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR ROMANIA TO SHIFT ITS EXPORTS TO THE UNITED STATES OUT OF THE PRESENT LIGHT INDUSTRY CATEGORIES, EVEN THOUGH ROMANIA WAS HOPING TO EXPORT MACHINERY TO US IN THE FUTURE.

6. NOTING THAT HE WOULD BE RETURNING TO BUCHAREST ON MARCH 24 TO ATTEND THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM, NICOLAE EXPLAINED THAT THE SESSION WOULD FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY AND ON FOREIGN POLICY. DESPITE THE EARTHQUAKE, THE PLANNED RATE OF GROWTH MUST BE REAFFIRMED. THERE WILL OF COURSE BE A DISCUSSION OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, AND HE ADDED THE "PERSONAL" COMMENT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO US-ROMANIAN RELATIONS IF THE US OFFER

OF ASSISTANCE WERE MADE BEFORE THE MEETING. ARMITAGE

REPLIED THAT HE WAS NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY EXACTLY WHEN THE US WOULD PRESENT ITS PROGRAM OF EARTHQUAKE RECONSTRUCTION ASSISTANCE, BUT ASSURED NICOLAE THAT THE DEPARTMENT WAS WORKING URGENTLY ON THE MATTER, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE CONGRESS.

7. IN THE COURSE OF A DISCUSSION ON ASSISTANCE WHICH HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM THE AMERICAN PUBLIC, NICOLAE MENTIONED THAT THE NOTED SEISMOLOGIST PROFESSOR RICHTER HAD DECLINED A ROMANIAN INVITATION TO TRAVEL TO ROMANIA ON ACCOUNT OF AGE (77), BUT HAD SUGGESTED TWO OTHER AMERICANS WHO COULD BE OF GREAT HELP, PROFESSORS GEORGE W. HOUSNER AND PAUL JENNINGS OF CALTECH. NICOLAE ASKED THAT WE ASSIST IN EXTENDING THE INVITATION AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, FINANCING THEIR TRIP. (WE WILL LOOK INTO THIS AND ADVISE BOTH NICOLAE AND THE EMBASSY).

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8. NICOLAE ALSO ASKED FOR ARMITAGE'S COMMENTS ON THE SECRETARY'S TRIP TO MOSCOW AND FOR US VIEWS ON THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE. ARMITAGE REVIEWED THE ADMINISTRATION'S STRONG AND CLEARLY ESPOUSED COMMITMENTS TO BOTH ARMS CONTROL AND HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID THAT THE US WILL HAVE SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS ON SALT II AND FURTHER ARMS CONTROL NEGOTIATIONS ON REDUCTIONS IN STRATEGIC WEAPONS. TO NICOLAE'S QUESTION ON WHETHER US RELATIONS WITH THE CEMA COUNTRIES WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED IN MOSCOW, ARMITAGE REPLIED THAT WE PREFER TO DISCUSS RELATIONS WITH EE COUNTRIES DIRECTLY WITH COUNTRY CONCERNED. ON BELGRADE, ARMITAGE EMPHASIZED THAT WE EXPECTED ALL OF THE CSCE ISSUES TO RECEIVE EQUAL ATTENTION AND THAT WE DO NOT WISH A CONFRONTATIONAL SITUATION, ALTHOUGH WE WILL WANT A THOROUGH REVIEW OF HELSINKI ACT IMPLEMENTATION, INCLUDING BASKET III.

9. IN RESPONDING TO ARMITAGE'S COMMENTS ON CSCE, NICOLAE SAID THAT THE ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD TRY TO "CLARIFY" ITS POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND REFERRED TO THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS WE WILL HAVE WITH LIPATTI. ARMITAGE SUGGESTED THAT IN THIS REGARD IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE SOME EARLY MOVEMENT AND MORE COMPLETE AND UP-TO-DATE FIGURES ON MARRIAGE CASES, AND NICOLAE PROMISED TO PROVIDE HIM WITH A LIST OF THE 20 APPROVALS SINCE JANUARY 1, AS WELL AS THE MOST RECENT FIGURES ON EMIGRATION. (WE HAVE RECEIVED

THESE LISTS, AND ARE REVIEWING THEM TO SEE IF THEY CONTAIN ANY NEW INFORMATION, WHICH WE WILL PROVIDE TO

EMBASSY ARMITAGE ALSO URGED THAT NICOLAE SPEAK WITH

AMBASSADOR BARNES WHILE HE IS IN BUCHAREST TO REVIEW  
THE LATEST SITUATION ON MARRIAGE CASES.

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